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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—279) Pages S10769, S10770

Recess: Senate convened at 10:30 a.m., and recessed at 7:19 p.m., until 4:30 p.m., on Monday, October 23, 2000. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S10850.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported 28 military nominations in the Army.

U.S.S. COLE ATTACK

Committee on Armed Services: Committee held hearings to examine issues related to the attack on the U.S.S. *Cole* in Yemen, receiving testimony from Gen. Anthony C. Zinni, USMC (Ret.), former Commander-In-Chief, U.S. Central Command.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

STRATEGIC PETROLEUM RESERVE

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded oversight hearings to examine the Department of Energy's recent decision to release 30 million barrels of crude oil from the strategic petroleum reserve and the bid process used to award contracts regarding the same, after receiving testimony from Ernest J. Moniz, Under Secretary for Energy, Science and Environment, Mark J. Mazur, Energy Information Administration, and John D. Shages, Director, Finance and Policy Office, Office of Petroleum Reserve, all of the Department of Energy; James Schlesinger, Lehman Brothers, Washington, D.C.; and Jerry E. Thompson, CITGO Petroleum Corporation, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

FOREST SERVICE TIMBER SALES CONTRACTS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded oversight hearings on the Administration's policy toward, and the associated liability for, canceled Forest Service timber sales contracts, after receiving testimony from James Furnish, Deputy Chief, Forest Service, and Michael Gippert, Office of General Counsel, both of the Department of Agriculture; David Cohen, Branch Director for Commercial Litigation, Civil Division, Department of Justice; and Duane Gibson, General Counsel, Oversight and Investigations, House Committee on Resources.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 25 public bills, H.R. 5499–5523; 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 430–432, and H. Res. 643 were introduced. Pages H10472–73

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows.

Supplemental report on H.R. 454, to reauthorize and amend the Commodity Exchange Act to promote legal certainty, enhance competition, and reduce systemic risk in markets for futures and over-the-counter derivatives (H. Rept. 106–711 Pt. 4).

H.R. 4725, to amend the Zuni Land Conservation Act of 1990 to provide for the expenditure of Zuni funds by that tribe, amended (H. Rept. 106–993 Pt. 1). Pages H10471–72

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Ose to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H10289

Water Resources Development Act: The House passed S. 2796, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States by a ye and nay vote of 394 yeas to 14 nays, Roll No. 534. Pages H10292–H10365

Agreed to the Rahall motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure with instructions to report it back forthwith with amendments that strike sections 330 and 436 and make technical changes. Subsequently, the House agreed to the en bloc amendment as specified in the Rahall motion. Page H10364

Pursuant to rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in the Congressional Record and numbered 2 was considered as adopted. **Page H10321**

H. Res. 639, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote.

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Water Resources Development—Go to Conference: The House insisted on its amendment to S. 2796, and requested a conference: Appointed as conferees: Chairman Shuster and Representatives Young of Alaska, Boehlert, Shaw, Oberstar, Borski, and Menendez.

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Agreed to the Oberstar motion to instruct conferees to insist on section 586 of the House amendment.

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VA, HUD Appropriations: The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 4635, making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001 by a yeas and nays vote of 386 yeas to 24 nays, Roll No. 536.

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Earlier, agreed to H. Res. 638, the rule that waived points of order against the conference report by a yeas and nays vote of 400 yeas to 7 nays, Roll No. 535.

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Further Continuing Appropriations: The House passed H.J. Res. 114, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2001 by a yeas and nays vote of 262 yeas to 136 nays, Roll No. 539.

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H. Res. 637, the rule that provided for consideration of the joint resolution was agreed to by a recorded vote of 209 yeas to 187 noes, Roll No. 538. Agreed to order the previous question by a yeas and nays vote of 212 yeas to 193 nays, Roll No. 537.

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Foreign Assistance Appropriations: The House disagreed with the Senate amendment, and agree to a conference on H.R. 4811, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001. Appointed as conferees: Chairman Young of Florida and Representatives Callahan, Porter, Wolf, Packard, Knollenberg, Kingston, Lewis of California, Wicker, Pelosi, Lowey, Jackson of Illinois, Kilpatrick, Sabo, and Obey.

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Agreed to the Pelosi motion to instruct conferees to insist on the highest possible funding level for Debt Restructuring, and on provisions authorizing a United States contribution to the Highly Indebted Poor Countries Trust Fund without unnecessary legislative restrictions.

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Consideration of Suspensions: The House agreed to H. Res. 640, providing for the consideration of motions to suspend the rules on Thursday, Oct. 19, 2000. Pursuant to the rule, H. Res. 615 and H. Res. 633 were laid on the table.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Commodity Futures Modernization: H.R. 4541, amended, to reauthorize and amend the Commodity Exchange Act to promote legal certainty, enhance competition, and reduce systemic risk in markets for futures and over-the-counter derivatives (passed by a yeas and nays vote of 377 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 540);

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Kristen's Act: H.R. 2780, to authorize the Attorney General to provide grants for organizations to find missing adults;

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Increasing Public Awareness of Multiple Sclerosis: H. Con. Res. 271, expressing the support of Congress for activities to increase public awareness of multiple sclerosis; and

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Regulation of Electric Bikes CPSC: H.R. 2592, amended, to amend the Consumer Product Safety Act to provide that low-speed electric bicycles are consumer products subject to such Act.

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District of Columbia Performance Accountability: The House passed S. 3062, to modify the date on which the Mayor of the District of Columbia submits a performance accountability plan to Congress—clearing the measure for the President.

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Freedman's Bureau Records Preservation: The House passed H.R. 5157, to amend title 44, United States Code, to ensure preservation of the records of the Freedmen's Bureau. Agreed to the Horn amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Presidential Messages: Read the following messages from the President:

Significant Narcotic Traffickers in Colombia: Message wherein he transmitted his report on significant narcotic traffickers in Colombia—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 106–303);

Department of Transportation Activities Report: Message wherein he transmitted the Department of Transportation's reports on various activities for calendar year 1998—referred to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure and Commerce.

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Meeting Hour—Monday, Oct. 23: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet

at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 23 for morning-hour debates.

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Meeting Hour—Tuesday, Oct. 24: Agreed that when the House adjourns on Monday, it adjourn to meet at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 24 for morning-hour debates.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Oct. 25, 2000.

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Referral: S. Con. Res. 146 was referred to the Committee on International Relations.

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate appear on pages H10289 and H10415.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Six yea and nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H10364–65, H10369, H10392–93, H10401, H10401–02, H10410–11, and H10448–49. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Committee Meetings

STRATEGIC PETROLEUM RESERVE

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing on Strategic Petroleum Reserve: A Closer Look at the Drawdown. Testimony was heard from Representatives Knollenberg, Gejdenson, DeLauro and Hinojosa; Robert S. Kripowicz, Acting Assistant Secretary, Fossil Energy, Department of Energy; Roger Majak, Assistant Secretary, Administration, Department of Commerce; David Wilcox, Assistant Secretary, Economic Policy, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee on Government Reform: Approved for the following draft reports entitled: “The Tragedy at Waco: New Evidence Examined;” “Janet Reno’s

Stewardship of the Justice Department: A Failure to Serve the Ends of Justice;” and “Management Practices at the Office of Workers’ Compensation Programs, U.S. Department of Labor.”

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2000

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: To hold closed hearings on issues related to the attack on the U.S.S. *Cole*, 9:30 a.m., SR–222.

House

No meetings are scheduled.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD Week of October 23 through October 28, 2000

Senate Chamber

During the week, Senate expects to consider any cleared legislative and executive business, including conference reports, when available.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Foreign Relations: October 24, to hold hearings to examine the Gore and Chernomyrdin diplomacy, 10 a.m., SD–419.

House Chamber

To be announced.

House Committees

Committee on Armed Services, October 25, hearing on the attack on the U.S.S. *Cole*, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, October 25, hearing on “Waste, Fraud and Program Implementation at the U.S. Department of Education,” 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.